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ENDYMION, Emperor of the Moon, Sovereign and Supreme Lord of all the Dominions, Territories, Continents and Islands thereunto belonging: To all such his true and well-beloved Subjects who inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, wishing Health and Prosperity, sendeth greeting.

BE it known unto you, That nothing affords me a higher Degree of Pleasure and Satisfaction, or can be more acceptable, than your inviolable Attachment to my Person, steady Adherence to my Government, and your due Submission and Obedience to my periodical Influence. It is this Duty, Fidelity and Affection, which you take every Instance of manifesting, that constitutes and renders you truly worthy and deserving of the ancient and honourable Name of *Lunatics*. And be assured, that, whilst you continue

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time in your Loyalty to me, I shall ever acknowledge and esteem you as dutiful and affectionate Subjects; and you may constantly depend on my Regard, Patronage and Favour.

The ready Obedience that you have always showed to the Dictates and Commands of my three Vicegerents, *Folly*, *Caprice*, and *Whim*, gives me ample Demonstration of your Zeal, Fidelity, and good Disposition. As your Perseverance in the same dutiful Behaviour must afford new Proofs of your Allegiance; so it will ever be remembered by me with the utmost Gratitude and Acknowledgment: And your firm Attachment to my Government, must signalize you in an eminent Degree above the rest of Mankind. Tho' such extraordinary Merit in my faithful Subjects cannot fail of exciting the Envy, Hatred and Malice of our Enemies; yet, by continuing your Proceedings and Resolutions, with the Ardour and Vigour of *Lunatics*, you will manifest yourselves true and loyal Subjects of my *Empire*; and, by such intrepid Conduct, effectually set aside and destroy all those false Arts and Insinuations of your Enemies, which are designed to injure, weaken, or interrupt that lasting Harmony which hath ever been, and I hope will always continue to subsist, between me and such of my loving Subjects as inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

As I am not ignorant of the many Efforts
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and wicked Devices of our Enemies, to destroy the mutual Confidence between me and my People; so I cannot here avoid taking notice of their opprobriously branding you with the Title of *Madmen*: By which invidious Denomination, they would spitefully infer, that my Subjects had not the Use of their Senses in common with the rest of Mankind; or that my Influence deprived you, *Lunatics*, of the Exertion of your rational Faculties. Insinuations base, as unworthy! false, as malicious! —Wherein do these boasting Commanders of their *Reason* and *Senses* excel you! Is it in the *Indulgence* of the *Passions*, or the *Gratification* of their *Appetites*? —Surely in neither: As in these it has ever been my constant Care to continue and protect you, and wherein, by my Power and Influence, you far excel the rest of the human Species; tho' perhaps you may not be altogether so well able to vie with them in the iniquitous Arts of *Venality* and *Peculation*, the mean Artifices of *Fraud* and *Corruption*, or the scandalous *Prostitution* of your *Persons*, *Consciences* and *Characters*. — But, leaving the vile Misrepresentations and Aspersions of your Enemies to reflect on themselves, I must here, in order to do you Justice, and, in some measure, to compensate your Dutifulness and Fidelity, take the Opportunity of acknowledging your extraordinary *Merits* and *Deserts*, in your respective Ranks and Degrees; by specifying them in

such a particular Manner as will point out the Excellence of your Behaviour, let your Conduct in the highest Light, and thereby bestow on my People that Dignity and Respect, which justly belongs to all true *Luxuricks*, and must infallibly crush all the treacherous Insinuations of your Enemies.

The sincere Attachment that the Nobility of the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* have always shewn to my Government, affords me the greatest Pleasure; whose Merit I cannot sufficiently acknowledge in their excellent Propagation and Encouragement of all sorts of *Lazury* and *Extravagance*: Nor can I ever too much applaud their fervent Ardour, in squandering their Estates on foreign Singers and Fiddlers; on domestick Whores, running Horses, Dogs, and Dice. Their Endeavour to surpass each other in *Ambition*, to excel in luxurious *Extravagance*, their *Avaritiousness* in all domestick Concerns, and *Venality* in exposing to Sale all Places of Trust and Profit that fall into their Disposal, has ever been regarded by me with the greatest Satisfaction. Nothing can afford me more Pleasure, than when I behold the Poor haggling to abate a Penny in a Tradesman's Bill, with the pitiful Meanness of a Pedlar; and the next Moment give twenty Guineas towards an *Opera* Subscription, with the Luxuriancy of an Eastern Monarch. The Care wherewith they propagate their Race on the Daughters of *Parsons*,

and in the Families of *My Lords* and *My Ladyes*, the
 Obedience of their *Graces* and *Highnesses*, gives me the
 greatest Delight; especially when I behold the
 Industry of their *Ladies*, in providing their
 lady *Heirs*, to their *Honours* and *Estates*,
 from the vigorous Embraces of their *Barons*,
Peers, and *Counsellors*.

Their laudable Thirst after *Titles* and *Honours*, is very conspicuous; and the high Price
 paid for them, by the late *Acquirers*, even to
 almost the Total of their *Fortunes*, is an emi-
 nent Instance of their dutiful Obedience to my
Influence.

The Affection of my *Reverend* and
 Subjects is evidently manifest, from their *Zeal*
 for *Manum*, and constant Attention to his
 Service; together with their due Regard for
 the respective Callings of *Ambition*, *Luxury*
 and *Avarice*, their steady Adherence to the
 Tenets of *Time-serving*, their laudable En-
 deavours to promulgate and extend the same
 throughout their several *Dioceses*, and their
 constant Preaching and Practice of *Corruption*,
 deserve the utmost Praise.—And I cannot for-
 bear expressing my Satisfaction, on seeing a
 Person so eminently endued with Pride and
 Arrogance, worthily preferred among you, at
 this Instant, to the Dignity of *Pontifex Maxi-*
mus. As I have always experienced the great-
 est Fidelity and Duty from the *C—ns* of
Great Britain and Ireland, especially when
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assembled in Par——t; so it behoves me not
 to let their extraordinary Merit pass unadistin-
 guished. The Ardour with which they sur-
 vey and expend their *Estates*; for the Support
 of their *Interests in Elections*; — their Read-
 ness in burdening Posterity with new Taxes
 and Impositions, to gratify every Demand of
 an avaritious and craving Min——ry; — their
 continual Grants of *Thousands of Land-forces*,
 to be sacrificed to the Mercenariness of their
Allies; — and of an innumerable Number of
Seamen, to be employed in *Idleness*, — lie rot-
 ting in *Harbours*, and be destroyed by the Un-
 wholesomeness of *Provisions*; — their suffering
 the *Debt of the Navy* continually to increase
 on their Hands, without permitting any In-
 quiry into the Causes thereof; — their Neglect
 of scrutinizing into the *victualling* of the
Fleets, and examining into those Provisions
 that continually lessen the Number of their
Seamen; — their winking at all the Frauds
 committed in publick *Employments*, and an-
 nually compensating for those Deficiencies
 which they occasion in the Grants of the pre-
 ceeding Session; — their Zeal for bringing *pu-
 blick Rebels* to Justice, whilst they permit se-
 cret Traitors, and Enemies to their Country,
 to enjoy *Employments*, and pass unpunished:
 — their constant Unanimity on all these Oc-
 casions, gives me the firmest Assurance of
 their great Regard, and sincere Attachment to
 my Person and Government.

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The many affectionate and dutiful Influences of all those my Subjects concerned in the Adm—st—n of publick Affairs, have ever been the Objects of my Attention, and deserve the most grateful Acknowledgment; as it is owing to their arduous Endeavours, that my Influence has been so univetsally extended through all Ranks and Degrees of my People. And I am particularly beholden to the eminent Services done me by the two *Broth—rs* at the Helm, as they have shewn the utmost Fidelity to my Commands on all Occasions. The great Benefits accruing to themselves, and to all other my Subjects, from their Vigilance and Industry, together with that of their *Colleagues* and *Coadjutors*, and the extraordinary Merit of the whole *Coalition*, on my behalf, deserve my publick Thanks. Such, indeed, has been the signal Behaviour of all the Min—ry toward me on every Occasion, that I must confess I am never better pleased, thah when I am bestowing my brightest Illumination, and pouring out my strongest Influences upon them, at their nocturnal Assemblies for the Good of my People.—It is then that I shine with uncommon Splendor, as I behold my Beams increase in Strength, by the strong Reflexions they receive from their radiant Breasts. Nor have I ever, lately, looked down upon a C——l B——d, without receiving uncommon Satisfaction, on constantly perceiving their Proceedings and Resolutions

know so exactly to quadrate with my Maxims
 of Government.—And I should think myself
 greatly inexcusable in not publicly acknow-
 ledging the *effectual* Manner of their carrying
 on a long, tedious, expensive and unnecessary
 War;—and that chiefly on the Continent,
 where they are certain to reap the least Ad-
 vantage:—Their liberal Increase of the pu-
 blick *Debts* and *Taxes*:—Their profound O-
 bedience to the *arbitrary* Dictates and *avariti-
 ous* Demands of every little Ally:—Their
 readily sacrificing the Credit, Blood and Trea-
 sure of their Country, to foreign Interests;—
 and thousands of the common People, to the
 Cowardice and Treachery of their Neighbours:
 —Their Neglect in protecting and extending
 of *Trade* and *Commerce*:—Their continual
 engaging themselves, and Posterity, into in-
 extricable Difficulties, on the most trifling
 Occasions; and buoying up the People be-
 tween *Hope* and *Fear*, till they are inevitably
 plunged into utter *Destruction*:—Their tri-
 fling with War, as dangerous to their Consti-
 tution as Edge-tools;—and their jesting with
 Peace; the Mother of Plenty and Commerce,
 and as salutary to the Nation as Balm of *Gi-
 lead*. All which evidently demonstrate their
 inviolable Perseverance in the true Principles
 of *Lunacy*. Nor can I tax them with the
 least Deviation therefrom in any Instance, ex-
 cept their Endeavours to eclipse the Glory of
 their Roy—I Master; confining his Person
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and Benignity within the narrow Circle of themselves, and their Prostitutes, and thereby depriving others of my People from exerting their Talents for Government. As this seems to border too much upon the Principles of Kna—ry, to be consistent with the Practice of *Lunacy*, I cannot forbear taking notice thereof; being persuaded, that, on signifying my Displeasure, it will occasion their speedy Amendment therein.

The Fidelity of the whole Body of the Cl—gy cannot fail of being exceeding grateful to me; nor am I able, sufficiently, to express my Acknowledgment for their Zeal to my Government. The Incongruity of their *Doctrines* and *Practice*; their Neglect of *humane* and *moral Duties*; together with their excessive *Pride*, *Arrogance*, *Covetousness*, *Sensuality*, Preference of earthly Enjoyments, idolizing the golden Image, so eminently and constantly adhering to the Imaginations of *Reason*, rather than to the Dictates of *Revelation*, testifying the Extension of my Influence amongst them, as must afford me the greatest Satisfaction; especially as I perceive these their good Dispositions toward me to be daily increasing.

The Gentlemen of the long Robe merit my peculiar Thanks for their constant Service and Industry, in endeavouring to make Wrong appear Right, and to confound Law and Equity. Their many and different Interpretations of the same Law, their perplexing of
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Cases,

Cases, puzzling and protracting of Causes, long Delays, high Bills and Fees, continual sowing of Diffension, and spreading Animosity and Ill-will, has caused such Distraction amongst Mankind, as has considerably enlarged the Number of my Subjects. And as my Influence increases the Number of their Clients, they, in return, generally do their utmost to extend my Power, by their Proceedings and Practice; as the noble College of *Bethlem*, and the numerous private *Seminaries* in and about *London*, evidently testify.

The Professors of *Medicine* have done me many signal Favours and Kindnesses; and I am sorry that I cannot repose so much Confidence in them as I could wish, owing to heinous Practices of some amongst them to pervert my loving Subjects from their *Allegiance*; although such traiterous Attempts have generally rather increased their Loyalty and Subjection, than diminished my Power over them; as the Knavery of the *Physician* has often occasioned the *Lunacy* of the *Patient*, maugre their Endeavours to conceal it, by frequently dispatching them, in such Cases, to other *Regions*, beyond the Extent of my *Dominions*.

The numerous Sectaries of *Presbyterians*, *Anabaptists*, *Independents*, and *Quakers*, have always behaved with that Duty and Submission to my Sway, as must be ever imprinted in my Memory; and their constant Hatred of each other, affords me much Pleasure. The
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most noble Party of *Freetinkers* demonstrate their Loyalty to me, by their great Disregard of *Religion*, and their continual Promotion of *Libertinism* and *Licentiousness*. They, together with *Atheists* and *Deists*, to whose Services I am highly indebted, may depend on my particular Regard and Attention, and due influencing of their *Genius* and *Talents* for *Ridicule*, so exceedingly fertile on the most serious Occasions. I should think myself very remiss in my Acknowledgments, was I to omit this Opportunity of returning Thanks to my zealous Subjects, distinguished by the Name of *Methodists*; as their Doctrines have always promoted *Despair*, a certain Token of true *Lunacy*, whereby great Numbers of my People continually manifest their Attachment to my Interests. The dark despairing State of *these* my People, and inward Illuminations of the *Quakers*, are too strong Buttresses to my Government, and contribute greatly to the Support of my *Dominion* over my Subjects.

The Honourable Society of *Gamesters* merit too much at my Hands to have their many Services passed over by me, or forgotten. On the Principles of *Lunacy* their Profession is founded, and the Practice of their Arts illustrate its Maxims; insomuch that, wherever *Gaming* prevails, my Influence gains a strong Foundation; and, by this Current, is plentifully distributed throughout all Ranks and Degrees of my beloved People.

The loving Brotherhood of *Foxhunters* have always behaved to me with the greatest Loyalty and Fidelity, and have constantly deserved my Esteem, by the Dutifulness of their Actions. Their neglecting of all social and family Duties, to spend their Lives in the Pursuit of a *Hare*, or a *stinking Fox*, shews the *strongest Relish* for my Injunctions. And I always look upon their lavishly squandering their Estates amongst a Kennel of Hounds, to be as generous and praise-worthy an Action, as most performed by my Subjects, and in which the Generality of *Country Squires* do eminently excel.

The Merit of the middling Gentry has been very conspicuous to me, especially in their endeavouring to excel the *Nobility* in the most splendid Luxury, and riotous Extravagance; thereby destroying their small Fortunes, and reducing themselves and their Posterity to the State of *Beggary*; which I always look upon as a peculiar Instance of their Affection towards me.

The Productions of my truly loyal and loving Subjects the *Poets*, have been always very acceptable to me; especially that of my well-beloved *Poet-Laureat*, the celebrated *Co—ey C—bb—r*, Esq; as his annual Odes have constantly merited the *judicious* Esteem and Applause of all my People: And he may depend upon a lasting Continuance of my Favour, by assisting his *Muse* with my strongest Inspirations,

Inspirations, that thereby she may breathe forth her Strains in the true poetick Spirit of *Lanacy*, to the Increase of her Master's Reputation, and my Glory.

The *Mathematicians* of the present Age continually merit my Applause, by their constant *Investigation* of insoluble Problems, and their ample and evident *Demonstrations* of the simplest Things in Nature, and such as are obvious at first View to the meanest Understanding. And I recommend it to their Industry to continue the Search of the *Longitude*, and *perpetual Motion*; and that they will by no Means desist from their Attempts to *square the Circle*, let the Impossibility thereof be ever so conspicuous.

The many superb Buildings, and sumptuous Edifices erected by *Architects*, are exceeding pleasant to me; especially as I generally observe the Excellency of their *Taste*, in preferring *Superfluity* to *Symmetry*, *Stateliness* to *Neatness*, and *Ornament* to *Conveniency*, on every Occasion.

The indefatigable Endeavours of my good Subjects the *Chymists*, in their continual and laborious Researches after the *Universal Elixir*, and the *Philosophers Stone*, deserve my peculiar Notice; as, in their Attempts towards the Discovery of the latter, they strive to surpass *Solomon*, who, notwithstanding the Excellency of his *Wisdom*, was obliged to be at the Trouble and Expence of fetching his Gold from

from the Mines of *Opbir*, and transporting it in the Ships of good King *Hiram*.

It is with much Satisfaction that I behold the continual Increase of the loving Community of *Free Masons*: And the many magnificent Castles, and other Buildings, that have been loftily erected in the *Air*, will be durable Monuments of their Skill, to the great Mortification of all *Eyes-droppers* and *Cowens*. And their Proficiency in *Lunacy* is evident to the whole World, by their firm Belief of those *Traditions* concerning their *Antiquity*, which place the Practice of *Masonry* in those early Ages, when Mankind dwelt in *Caves* and *Mud-built Huts*.

The many Instances of Loyalty and Fidelity, that I have received from *Merchants*, *Tradesmen*, *Artificers*, *Mechanicks*, and other inferior Degrees of my Subjects, afford me much Pleasure and Satisfaction, and effectually support that lasting *Union*, which I hope will ever subsist between me and my People. Their universal Encouragement of *Vice*, *Immorality*, *Luxury*, and *Extravagance*, and the Neglect of their respective Business and Calling, for the Gratification of their Appetites in their favourite *Pleasures*, and darling Enjoyments, highly merits my Esteem and Protection; and will ever, by me, be gratefully remembered: As, like true *Lunaticks*, they constantly defy even *Poverty* and *Rags*, to deter them from indulging their
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Tastes and Passions, for the favourite and reigning Vices of the Great.

The high and extraordinary Degree of *Merit* that my *male Subjects* have acquired, by their constant Perseverance in the most dutiful Affection and Fidelity, does not in the least eclipse the Desert of those of the *female Sex* that inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; amongst whom my Dominion is so well founded, and firmly established, as never to admit of the least Decry. Their invariable Attachment to my *Interests* and *Influence*, which they constantly take every Occasion of manifesting, must greatly endear them to me, who am always highly delighted at their *Excellencies*. It is to the *Ladies* that I in a great measure am indebted, for extending and confirming my Sway over the *male Sex*: And however repugnant Women may be in their Obeisance to other Rule, especially to that of their *Husbands*; yet I shall always do them the Justice, to acknowledge their extraordinary Conformity and Submission to my Government. To this is owing their constant sacrificing their domestick Concerns for trifling Pleasures, and creating the utmost Uneasiness to their *Husbands* and *Children*, that it is in their Power to bestow on them.

Their sincere Love for *Operas*, *Plays*, *Masquerades*, *Balls*, *Assemblies*, *Drums*, *Riots*, *Routs*, *Revels*, and all Manner of expensive Diversions, both publick and private,

vat, afford me many Influences of their Esteem and Affection for my Person. And their Loyalty is evidently conspicuous, in disregarding the Welfare of themselves and their Families, for my Service; and giving up their Husbands to Poverty, in order to follow my Injunctions, or in obedience to the Commands of my three beloved Vicegerents, *Folly, Whim, and Caprice*; who have never failed to signify to me the dutiful Behaviour of the female Sex: And, both from their Testimony, and my own particular Observance, I declare my peculiar Pleasure and Satisfaction, in such loving and faithful Subjects, whose numerous Services are too many to be recounted; and will always merit my greatest Attention the more they continue to increase; which I have not the Reason to doubt of, as they take particular Care to inculcate the Principles of *Lunacy* in their Offspring, and endeavour, with the greatest Affiduity, to make their Children tread in the same Steps as themselves have trode before them, thereby perpetuating my Government to the latest Posterity.

The many signal Marks of Regard and Esteem that I have received from the *united Brotherhood of Placemen*, have given me singular Satisfaction, and demand my publick Acknowledgment. Their peculiar Readiness, in sacrificing *Character, Honour, and Honesty*, to obtain their several Posts, and the
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Indefatigable Industry with which they continually accomplish all the *dirty Drudgery* that is imposed on them by the *arbitrary* Commands of a *despotick M—ry*, afford me the strongest Assurances of their *Attachment* to my Government. And it is with particular Pleasure that I behold the Zeal of *these* my People, in being the Implements of *corrupt Measures* and *insolent Power*.—Their constant Delight in the Practice and Encouragement of all Manner of *Fraud*, their sincere Love for *Perquisite*, and strong Affection for *Bribery*, together with their extraordinary Capacity in the Acquisition of *Plunder* and *Rapin*, and great *Genius* and *Ability* for *Indulgence* on all other *Occasions*, are very agreeable to me, as they cannot but be of eminent Service for the Support and Enlargement of my *Power* and *Dominion* over the rest of their *Fellow-subjects*.

As this Part of my People is very capacious, and extends itself into numerous Branches; so it becomes me here to take notice of the peculiar Desert of some of the chief thereof. In doing which, the extraordinary *Merit* of my good and trusty Subjects who preside at the B—d of Tr—ry, offers itself particularly to my Attention; and I must confess, that I am highly pleased with their constant Application to the *Mismanagement* and *Profusion* of the publick M—y. Their ill-concerted Schemes, and fruitless, yet extravagantly expensive, pri-

vate *Jobs*; the Dearness of the *Bargains* which they contract for the Service of the Publick, and their strong *Union*, close *Confederacy*, and joint *Part—c—pation* with *Jews* and *Stock-jobbers* in all iniquitous *Schemes* for the Detriment of the Nation, afford me great Delight, as they are the surest Means to impress the Spirit of *Lunacy* on the Minds of the People. In the Propagation of which, the extraordinary Diligence of young Master *H—y*, the first Com—r, deserves my highest *Encomiums*; especially, for the great Care he has been at, to *deprive* my People of that *Light* and *Sunshine*, which has ever been found very injurious to true *Lunatics*: And it is to his Industry that I recommend the *Assessment* of the *Air*, of which many of my People, who labour under the Affliction of *empty Stomachs*, occasioned by *high Taxes*, very often take too large *Draughts*, to their great Detriment.

The many Testimonies of Loyalty that I daily receive from the good Affections of my loving Subjects the C—rs of the Ad—ty, must needs render that B—d very dear to me; and it is with the greatest Pleasure that I behold their *President* direct and govern your numerous Fleets and Squadrons, by the same Rules, and with the same Dexterity, as he steers the little *Yacht* in the Fish-pond at *W—rn*; which manifestly evinces his steady Adherence to the *Maxims* of *L—cy*; and evidently shews, that a thorough Knowledge
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and Skill in the Management of maritime Affairs may be perfectly acquired, without the Trouble of going a *Voyage*, or the Danger of venturing upon *salt Water*.—The many little *Trips* that his *Brother C——r* makes cross the *Herring-pond*, upon every Wind, give me much Delight; his endeavouring to exceed the nimblest *Courier* in *Speed*, and to excel the ablest *Minister* in *Negotiations*, afford me such Instances of his Abilities, as I do not doubt, from his Talent in the latter, but that in Time, he will be able to conclude a Treaty of Neutrality betwixt the *British* Ships and the *Ocean*; whereby, for the future, neither shall be able to trespass on each other, as they have hitherto done; but that your Commerce shall be confined within yourselves at home, and your Defence entirely trusted to your good Friends and Allies abroad; together with such Forces of yours as shall be employed in their Service. As such a Treaty, could it be brought to bear, would be founded upon the true Principles of Lunacy; so it could not fail of affording me the greatest Satisfaction, on beholding so strong an Instance of my People's giving themselves up entirely to my Government. The great Affection which that Right Honourable C——r has shewn me, who encompassed the *terrestrial Globe* in search of a *Fortune*, by readily exchanging it for *Tit—s* and *Gewgaws*, must ever merit my Favour. And indeed the Love of the whole B——d has

ever been conspicuous to me, by their constant Practices for the Good of the N—y; particularly, by confining such Numbers of *Mariners* aboard their *Guard-ships*, and other *Nar-ries*, on daily occasion their great Decrease; their so effectually protecting the *Trade and Commerce* of my Subjects, by their constant *appointment of numerous and able Crews*; and their sincere Endeavours to screen the *F—ds* of their *Coadjutors*, in the other *O—ces* under their Inspection, from the Examination of the Publick. These, and other their good Services upon my Account, I shall ever hold in the greatest Estimation; and have enjoined two of my loving Viceroyals, *Folly* and *Whim*, to have a constant Eye upon their Proceedings and Resolutions, to succour and support them with the utmost of their Advice and Assistance, for the Good of my People; and constantly to report to me their particular *Merits* on all Occasions.

I cannot take Leave of my People, without expressing the highest Satisfaction at the constant Loyalty and steadfast Attachment of all my Subjects in general; the Increase of whose Numbers does not occasion the least Variation in their Sentiments and Affection towards me. And they may remain perfectly assured, that their Welfare and Protection has always been, and will ever continue, the chief Object of my Care and Attention. As nothing

thing can be more pleasing, or give me greater Satisfaction, than to see *Justice* extend itself, even in the most remote Corners of my Dominions; so the *Maxims* thereof shall be the invariable Rule of my Government. And my People may rely on their own hearty vigorous Exertion in my Cause, as the surest Recommendation to the highest Degree of my Esteem and Favour.

Given at our Royal Palace on Monte Manciano, in the Tuscan Region, in the Five thousand six hundred and ninety sixth Year of our Reign.

Signed,

By his Imperial Majesty's Command,

Madam, Secr.

F I N I S.

King *Harry IX's*
S P E E C H

To both Houses of P—m—t, the
31st Day of November 1647.

IT is with particular Pleasure that I meet this new P—m—t, which I have called much sooner than was expected, purposely to oblige our good Friends and faithful Allies, the St—s—G—l of the U—d P—v—n—s; and to convince them, and all E—e, of the entire Dependence that I have upon the Affections of my People. Nor do I in the least doubt, but that you are met together with a full Resolution of giving me your Advice and Assistance, with that Unanimity as will afford the World convincing Proofs of your Duty and Fidelity to me, your particular Regard for the Interest of the D—b, your ardent Zeal for the common Cause. As such your Proceeding must add vastly to the Weight and Credit of our Affairs abroad in the present Crisis, and effectually support the tottering Greatness of our trusty Friends and ancient Allies, the H—ders; so it will be no less destructive to these Designs that our Enemies may have formed against the publick Welfare, and particularly against the Peace
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and Tranquillity of these Kingdoms, by convincing them of your being thoroughly determined, vigorously to support such Measures as I shall find necessary to be taken, in order to obtain a lasting, safe and honourable Peace for ourselves and our Allies: which has all along been the sole Point that I have had in view.

With much Concern I must acquaint you, that our Endeavours on the Continent this Summer have not been attended with such Success as I could have wished for, owing to the want of Vigour in our Allies; and the Deficiency of those Troops which they brought into the Field; whereby my Subjects have been left to signalize themselves against an almost innumerable Host of Enemies. As these Things ever furnished Matter of Complaint, during the last War; so it will be almost impossible to remedy them in this, any otherwise than by taking a greater Number of their Forces into our Pay, and by enlarging their several Subsidies. Though by this means we shall in a manner take the whole Burthen of the War upon our own Shoulders, it may perhaps be better for us, at the present Juncture, so to do, than to rely as hitherto, on those Powers, whose Cowardice, Treachery, or Weakness, may so far prevent them from assisting us to distress the Enemy, as rather to become an Annoyance to ourselves. And indeed though I have made use of the utmost Efforts in my Power,

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power, to back up and invigorate our Allies
in the common Cause; yet the
Coffers which they have hitherto furnished,
whether in Men, Money, or Valour, have been
very inconsiderable, when compared with what
my People have always cheerfully and readily
contributed towards carrying on this just
and necessary War.

I have lately, in conjunction with our true
and steady Friends and Allies the *Swiss*
Confederates, entered into a Treaty of Subsidy,
for the March of 20,000 *Russians*, to the
Assistance of the allied Army, which have
been hitherto, though often promised, so long
retarded; and may again meet with such
fresh Obstacles as will prevent their setting
out, should you hesitate a Moment upon en-
abling me to make good the Engagements I
have entered into on this Occasion. I shall
order a Copy of this Treaty to be laid before
you; and am thoroughly persuaded, that you
will readily contribute to the Promotion of an
Affair so exceeding beneficial to the Support
of the common Cause in the present necessa-
ry juncture.

Though this Treaty that I have concluded
has already given some Umbrage to the King
of *Prussia*, and perhaps may afford him more,
especially as I have not as yet been able, not-
withstanding my continuing to exert my most
earnest Endeavours, to prevail with him to
enter into any Measures with the Allies, for
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restraining and subduing the exorbitant Power of *France*; I would therefore strongly recommend it to your Consideration, to find out some effectual Method of bringing that Prince over to our Interests, by enabling me to make him such an extraordinary Allowance as may satisfy his most lucrative Views, and far exceed any Offers that *France* and *Spain* are capable of affording him: And this I would the more zealously commit to your Care, as his Alliance would be more valuable to us than that of any other of the *G——m——k* Body, excepting the House of *A——a*.

Our good Friends and Allies the *D——b* have lately come to a Resolution, of considerably enlarging the Number of *Swiss* Troops already in their Service, and of taking several more Regiments of them into Pay, in conjunction with *Great Britain*, that they may be able, if there be Occasion for them, to take the Field early next Spring; though whether the Influence of *French* Counsels may not prevent this necessary Step from taking Place, I am unable to ascertain as yet: But I firmly rely on your timely Support, at all Events, on this and every other Occasion.

As our Enemies seem to afford us some very specious Hopes of their being ready once more, to embrace Peace, and establish the so much wished for Tranquillity of *Europe*; so I have given my Ministers proper Instructions for attending the Congress that is to be

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held this Winter.—But, should this prove to be only an Artifice, to prevent our having a sufficient Number of Forces in readiness against the next Spring, I shall endeavour to elude such a Design, by continuing in the mean time to negotiate for such Troops as are to be obtained, that the allied Army may be able to enter the Field early, and to act offensively next Season.

Should any unforeseen Accidents again prevent the R——s from joining our Army, or frustrate my acquiring those Troops, for the Service of the Publick, which I am at present doing my Endeavours to obtain; even then, I do not despair, with the Assistance of my loving People, of gaining sufficient Succours from the remotest Parts. And, in order to be prepared against all Events, I shall cause immediate Application to be made on this Account to the *Sophi of Persia*, as soon as the Succession to that Kingdom shall be settled. The Force that I may expect from thence, together with those that I shall solicit from the *Cham of Tartary*, the Kings of *Bantam*, *Siam*, and the *Great Mogul*, will be rather more than sufficient for making Head against the Enemy; especially as with Troops of the latter I expect to receive a considerable Number of Elephants, furnished with well fortified Castles on their Backs; which moving Forts will be a great Annoyance to the *French*, and afford them sufficient Diversion from making such dreadful

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dreadful Havock as they have lately done
with the most impregnable Places in the
N—s and U—s.

The Behaviour of the D—s Forces, du-
ring the last Campaign, and their negligently
suffering several of their most important Places
to be surpris'd by the Enemy, needs no Apo-
logy from me; as it is impossible to imagine,
that either the St—s G—n—l, or their St—dt-
h—r, were acquainted with, or gave their
Assent to any such base and treacherous Pro-
ceedings: And I do not doubt, but their speed-
y bringing the Offenders to Justice, and pu-
nishing of them in as severe a Manner as they
have already done all such as have been hi-
therto detected of either Treachery or Cow-
ardice, will sufficiently manifest the Innocence
and Integrity of those that preside at the Head
of Affairs amongst our ancient Friends and Al-
lies.

The extraordinary Success which has at-
tended my Fleet, must have greatly weakened
both the naval Strength and Commerce of our
Enemies; and I shall not fail of profiting my-
self to the utmost of those Advantages that I
have already received therefrom; being fully
determined to be more attentive to this im-
portant Service, than I have hitherto been.
And as our good Friends the H—s have not
succoured me as yet with such a sufficient
Number of Ships as is necessary for the Sup-
port of our Dominions on the Occasion; I shall
directly

to the several Governments of
in order to obtain
such naval Supplies of Cables and
as may compensate for the Deficiencies
of our Allies in that Article.

Gentlemen of the H—se of C—s,

The great Facility with which you have carried your Elections, almost without Opposition, throughout all Parts of the Kingdom, particularly in *Surrey* and *Sussex*, affords me fresh Proof of the good Disposition of my People in the Choice of their Representatives. The many Considerations that I have already mentioned, are so necessary for our own Preservation, the Support of our Allies, and the Maintenance of the Protestant Cause, that I doubt not you will grant me such a Supply as shall be amply sufficient for all those good Purposes that I have undertaken. The proper Estimates shall be laid before you; and I rely the stronger on your succouring of me with suitable Grants, as there are so many amongst you, that either, in their civil or military Capacities, are sure to benefit by the publick Supplies; and whose Interest in this Point is always the same with, and inseparable from mine. I must acknowledge it is with the greatest Regret, that I am obliged to lay any extraordinary Burdens upon my People; but hope that they will consider the immediate

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late Necessity thereof for the Support of the
publick Credit in this critical Conjunction.

My L—ds and G——n,

As I have fully explained to you my Views and Intentions, so I need not urge any thing farther to induce you to afford me a vigorous Support. And it is with great Satisfaction I am able to acquaint you, that the Money granted by Parliament, for the effectual carrying on the War, has been so well bestowed, as to retain the King of S———s hitherto entirely to our Side; where he is likely to remain stedfast, as long as you shall continue to support him with fresh and ample Subsidies: And also to keep the Empress-Queen in Possession of more extensive Territories, maugre the Endeavours of her Enemies, than what she is able to maintain.

As there was never more Occasion for your acting with Vigour, Unanimity, and Dispatch, than in the present Juncture, when the Eyes of the whole World are fixed upon your Proceedings; so it is on this that I rely, for supporting the Honour of my C——n, the Well-being of my K—d—ms, the Avarice and Indolence of our Allies; and for restoring our Neighbours to that Degree of P——de, A—g—ce and Inf—l—ce, which they formerly enjoyed.

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As I have fully explained to you my Views
 on the present Situation, so I need not urge any thing
 further to induce you to afford me a vigorous
 support. And it is with great Satisfaction I
 am able to acquaint you, that the Money
 granted by Parliament, for the effectual car-
 rying on the War, has been so well follow-
 ed, as to retain the King of S— a further
 Enemy to our Side; where he is likely to
 remain fixed, as long as you shall continue
 to support him with fresh and ample Subsidies:
 and this to keep the Emperor-Queen in Posses-
 sion of more extensive Provinces, more
 valuable Offices, than what
 she is able to maintain.
 As there was never more Occasion for
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 the Eyes of the whole World are fixed upon
 our Proceedings; so it is on this that I rely
 in supporting the Honour of my C—, the
 Well-being of my K—, the Advantage
 and Interest of our Allies; and for restoring
 our Neighbours to that Degree of Liberty
 and Independence, which they for-
 merly enjoyed.

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